



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor & Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Amending WAC 296-20-01001, titled "Medical Advisory Industrial Insurance Committee" as a result of new legislation that passed this latest session (ESSB 5290) that formed a new Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee,

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: ESSB 5290 (Chapter 282, Laws of 2007)
RCW 51.04.020, RCW 51.04.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: ESSB 5290 establishes a medical advisory committee to advise the department on medical issues to assure workers receive safe, effective treatment in a cost effective manner. This rule considers the various details with regard to the administration and function of the new committee.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
This law establishes an advisory committee that is specific to Washington workers' compensation benefits and is governed by Title 51 RCW, Washington's Industrial Insurance Act. There are no other state or federal agencies responsible for interpreting and enforcing the provisions of this Act.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Parties interested in participating in the development of these rules may contact the person listed below. The public may also participate by providing written comments during the comment period or giving oral testimony at public hearings. The rule will be developed in consultation with major stakeholders, including the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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